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File No. 150-08

Serial Nos. 19 & 21

Papers Filed.

Month April 1909

SUBJECT.

Re damages caused by the Sepoys of the 125th Napier Rifles to the Forest Growth in the Hirekalli Taluk in Oct. 1907

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
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Subd with a draft to the Residency
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9-3-09. When I ordered the draft to be put up, I did not observe that the damage complained of took place nearly 18 months ago. I am not sure if it is advisable to move the Residency at this distance of time. The loss is Estimated at only Rs 11/4. The local forest authorities Cned have been more prompt in sending up this reference.

12. 3. 09. Sd

(I have not scrutinized the draft. If it is considered necessary to take action, I shall do so and submit it again Sd)

Secretary. We may bring the fact to the notice of the Resident. The damages need not be claimed -

~~Put up~~ Please revise draft -
Revised draft is Subd.
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Please see if this Plantation is within a radius of 40 miles from Bangalore town marked in the maps sent to us in 1905 -

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Resp. to ll 1 & 9, states that as the incident occurred very long ago (in Oct 07) & the injury caused to the plantation was very trifling, Govt do not think it desirable to address the Residency in the matter at this distance of time & requests him to report any further occurrence of a similar kind without unnecessary delay.

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Copy of docket No 16 dated 14th July 1908, from H. Srinivasa Rao Esquire, District Forest Officer, Tumkur, to M. Muttanna Esquire, Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

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In forwarding herewith a file of Kannada and English records relating to the damages done by the Sepoys of the 125th Napier Rifles in October last to the forest growth in Hirehalli plantation, has the honour to state that they have cut two cart-loads of jungle wood stuff to cover the pits which they had dug for carrying on field practices when tney were camped out for exercise at Manchakalkuppe near Tumkur in October last. They have also cut three sandal sapplings of two inches in girth for this purpose. They were obstructed by the Guard while entering the plantation in the presence of certain witnesses but they heeded not his protests. Tney have also dug five ~~feet~~ deep pits in tne plantation. The damages are to be seen even now. Range Officer Sonolay unnecessarily delayed the submission of the record till now and tne matter could not therefore be reported earlier. Tne undersigned has inspected all that has been done by these people in November and the fact is true.

Damages as below are due from the Regiment which tne Officer commanding may be kindly asked to recover and send.

For two cart-loads of jungle wood materials cut and destroyed....	Rs 4-0-0.
For three sandal sapplings destroyed...	Rs 6-0-0.
For re-filling pits excavated....	Rs 1-4-0.
Total Rs	11-4-0.

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Copy of letter No 649 dated 18th July 1908, from Rai Bahadur M. Muttannah Esquire, Conservator of Forests in Mysore, to K.S. Dorasami Iyer, Esquire, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur.

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In forwarding herewith for favour of early report the file of papers in original received with your District Forest Officer's docket No 16 dated the 14th instant (copy enclosed), relating to the damages done by the Sepoys of the 125th Napier Rifles in October last to the forest growth in the Hirehalli Plantation, I have the honour to point out that under the standing orders of Govt, communicated in this office No 4182-4 dated 2nd December 1905, a responsible Officer of the Department ought to have been deputed "in order that the nature and extent of any unforeseen damage may be examined and checked on the spot". This procedure does not seem to have been followed in the case under reference, nor has the report been submitted soon after the occurrence.

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Copy of docket No 262 dated 22nd February 1909, from K.S. Dorasami Iyer, Esquire, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, to Rai Bahadur M. Muttannah Esquire, Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

His letter No 649 dated 18-7-08.

Adverting to the above, has the honour to state that the movements of the Sepoys of the 125th Napier Rifles were not confined to one place but they were going in a scattered manner to practice all over the neighbourhood of the camp. It was not a

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To

The Conservator of
Forests in Mysore

Sir,

Date of issue 10-4-09.

Signed by Mr C.S. Balasundaram Asst

With reference to your letter No. 6940 of 2-3-09 requesting that the Military authorities may be addressed for the recovery of Rs 11-4-0 being the amount of compensation for damages caused by the sepoys of the 125th Napier Rifles to the forest growth in the Hirehalli plantation, I am directed to observe that while there

over.

SUBJECT.

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is no doubt that the
military authorities did
not comply with the
Standing rules in
entering the plantation
without proper notice,
~~but~~ the incident oc-
curred very long ago
(in October 1907), and
the injury caused to
the plantation was
very trifling. Under
these circumstances, Govt
do not think it ~~necessary~~ desirable
to ~~write about it to the~~ address
Residency, ~~for~~ at the
~~same time~~, I am to
request that you will be
good enough to report
any future occurrence
of a similar kind
without ~~any~~ unnecessary delay.

in the matter at this distance of time.

I have etc

List of enclosures,

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For Secy

MGCPB—20,000-19-12—04.